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LETTER DATED 30 JUNE 1998 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to draw to your attention the statement issued on 29 June 1998 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on the death of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to Angola (copies of which are annexed hereto, in English and in French).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

[Original: English and French]

Statement issued in Luxembourg on 29 June 1998 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on the death of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to Angola

The European Union was shocked and deeply saddened to learn of the death of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to Angola, Maître Alioune Blondin Beye, with five of his colleagues and two pilots, in an air crash near Abidjan on 26 June 1998.

The European Union pays tribute to Maître Beye's determination and ceaseless efforts over the last five years to bring about a peaceful solution to the Angolan conflict.

The European Union hopes that the death of Maître Beye will spur the Angolan Government and the União Nacional para a Independência Total de Angola (UNITA) to early completion of the Lusaka Protocol. A fitting memorial to Maître Beye would be a genuine and lasting peace in Angola.